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All staff email from Professor David Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor and President

Dear Colleagues

The health and well-being of our staff and students is our paramount concern and we have, in tandem, been very effective to date in providing continuity of education and research, while abiding by State requirements for the management of COVID19. We have been buffeted of late by winds of external change which have caused us to have to react and re-react to circumstances beyond our control. I would like to give as much certainty to the UniSA community as possible and so I write today to confirm the following.

Given ongoing developments in the wider community, as we enter SP7, we have determined that the following will apply with immediate effect and until further notice:

- The University will continue to accommodate working from home arrangements for those staff who have approval from their line manager are not required to physically deliver their duties on campus. Managers will work with staff to determine local area requirements.
- Existing arrangements for online education provision as our default modality will remain in effect.
- Face to face teaching, where it is necessary (eg practicals that cannot be conducted online) can proceed face-to-face.
- Student placements will continue where the provider allows.
- Teaching arrangements will be facilitated and communicated by Academic Units.
- The existing protocols for on campus delivery of research are similarly being maintained.
- Staff who have to attend on campus for the delivery of their duties will be facilitated to do so safely.
- Our campuses, learning and teaching facilities and libraries will all be accessible to our student body and to our staff as required.
- MOD, Samstag and the Hawke Centre and the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Library will remain closed to the public until further notice and all public events on campus are similarly cancelled.

In summary, the University remains open for business, but with maximal flexibility afforded to our community of staff and students as we navigate the coming weeks. I will continue to provide you with updates on a regular basis, with apologies for adding to your in-box load.

To say we have had a tumultuous time of late would be an understatement. I am immensely grateful for your tenacity, dedication and professionalism in dealing with the recent restrictions.

With best regards